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SUBJECT: KEKKONEN'S SPEECH ON NORDIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE

REF.: HELSINKI 1457

1. DANISH EMBASSY (KIMBERG) PROVIDED DEPARTMENT (EUR/NE OFFICE DIRECTOR FUNSETH) WITH INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN'S MAY 10 STATEMENT REACTING TO FINNISH PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S MAY 8 STOCKHOLM SPEECH ON
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NORDIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE. ,

2. KIMBERG SAID APPARENTLY NO NORDIC COUNTRY HAD ADVANCE NOTICE OF KEKKONEN SPEECH, AND, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE EXPRESSED SURPRISE SPEECH HAD BEEN GIVEN JUST BEFORE UNSSOD. IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT FINNS HAVE INDICATED THEY WOULD NOT RAISE NORDIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE ISSUE AT UNSSOD.

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3. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF ANDERSEN'S STATE-
MENT. BEGIN QUOTE. I HAVE NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY
IN DETAIL PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S THOUGHTS OR IDEAS ON DISARM-
AMENT CONTROL IN THE NORDIC AREA. WE HAD NOT HAD ANY KNOW-
LEDGE OF THESE IDEAS. THEY WERE NOT MENTIONED AT THE NORDIC

FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING A SHORT TIME AGO WHERE DISARMA-
MENT QUESTIONS WERE ON THE AGENDA.

THE DANISH POSITION ON SECURITY POLICY IN THE NORDIC AREA
IS WELL KNOWN. IN OUR OPINION THE EXISTING BALANCE CON-
STITUTES A DECISIVE CONTRIBUTION TO EUROPEAN SECURITY. ANY
CHANGES IN THIS SITUATION WILL DEMAND VERY THOROUGHGOING
DELIBERATIONS AND WILL HAVE TO BE LOOKED AT IN THE BROADER
EUROPEAN CONTEXT. AS TO THE QUESTION OF CRUISE MISSILES,
THEY CANNOT BE LOOKED UPON IN ISOLATION FROM OTHER WEAPONS
OR OTHER COUNTRIES' WEAPONS. AS IS WELL KNOWN, THEY PLAY
AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE ONGOING SALT II NEGOTIATIONS
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. END QUOTE.

4. KIMBERG ALSO PROVIDED DEPARTMENT IN CONFIDENCE FULL
TEXT IN ENGLISH OF KEKKONEN SPEECH, WHICH HE HAD OBTAINED
FROM FINNISH EMBASSY. (HE ASKED THAT WE NOT RPT NOT
INDICATE WHERE WE HAD OBTAINED TEXT). VANCE

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